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1. Troops of the class of 1928 have been arriving in Rathenow (Z15) in groups of 20-30 men, without arms or equipment. Members of the class of 1925 in Rathenow have been leaving for the USSR in similar small groups. Some have proceeded under leave orders, some have alleged that they are being transferred to other commands, and various other security measures have been employed to cover their departure.
2. There are three barracks compounds in Rathenow:
Kraftfahrzeugkaserne (or, Natzmer-Kaserne), at the junction of the Hindenburg Ring and the Semlinerstrasse.
Pionierkaserne (or, Douaumontkaserne), on the Hindenburg Ring between Litzmannstrasse and Scharnhorststrasse.
Infanteriekaserne (or, Gardefusilierkaserne), on the Hindenburg Ring between Scharnhorststrasse and Gneisenaustrasse.
3. All three barracks are located in the northeastern part of Rathenow. Their first names (underlined above), which seem to be the ones in daily usage, derive from German units formerly stationed in them. Each block consists of a three-story building, massively built and partially renovated. The blocks were built between the years 1935-1939 and are in excellent condition. Each houses approximately 500 men (three companies).
4. Kraftfahrzeugkaserne has sixty-three 152-mm guns parked in sheds. An earth mound in the compound conceals a fuel pump. Additional wooden barracks are being built and two have been completed.

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6. Infanteriekaserne has no parking sheds and its vehicles are parked in the Pionierkaserne, whose troops appear to belong to the same unit. A shed in the compound of Infanteriekaserne contains approximately thirty 120-mm mortars. A few troops were observed at mortar training.

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